

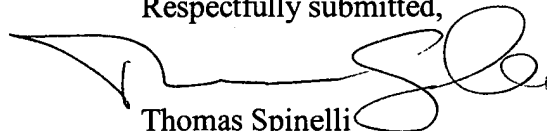
REMARKS

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued on February 23, 2006 and indicates, "The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 are required."

Applicants assume that the Examiner is referring to the marked-up figure that was attached to the Response filed on February 9, 2006. However, as clearly indicated in such Response, "*The attached marked up Figure is not be being formally changed herein and is not being entered into the present application but is enclosed only for clarifying the above discussion.*" (see page 18, lines 21 and 22 of the previous response). Thus, the marked-up Figure attached to the previous Response is not an attempt at amendment of the Figure but was only attached for clarification of the arguments set forth in the Response. Therefore, the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 are not applicable.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued on February 23, 2006, and entry of the Response filed on February 9, 2006.

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